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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please replace Figures 2, 3, 7, 8 and 11 with proposed Figures 2, 3, 7, 8, and 11, submitted herewith.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 31 with the following:

In the embodiment of Figure 9, each band-like element 720 is seen to comprise peaks 736 of more than one amplitude and troughs 740 of more than one amplitude. Large amplitude peaks 736a and small amplitude peaks 736b alternate as do large amplitude troughs 740a and small amplitude troughs 740b. As in the previous embodiments, the interconnecting elements 744 are oriented at an oblique angle relative to the longitudinal axis 795 of the stent. More generally, the invention is directed at stents comprising band-like elements whose amplitude varies along the band-like element.